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19. A process for the manufacture of ^{the} a pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein said composition has more than one surfactant, comprising:

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- (a) melting together said one or more local anesthetics and the surfactant with the lowest molecular weight;
 - (b) adding water to the melt of step (a) during homogenization to form an emulsion concentrate;
 - (c) dispersing the remaining surfactant or surfactants in water;
 - (d) mixing the emulsion concentrate of step (b) and the surfactant solution of step (c);
 - (e) adjusting the pH of the mixture of step (d) so that the final pH is greater than or equal to $pK_a - 1$, wherein pK_a is that of the local anesthetic with the lowest pK_a ; and
 - (f) adding water to the final weight of the composition.

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20. A process for the manufacture of ^{the} a pharmaceutical composition, wherein said composition has only one surfactant, comprising: ^{- according to claim 1}

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- (a) melting together said one or more local anesthetics and said surfactant;
 - (b) adding water to the melt of step (a) during homogenization to form an emulsion concentrate;
 - (c) adjusting the pH of the mixture of step (b) so that the final pH is greater than or equal to $pK_a - 1$, wherein pK_a is that of the local anesthetic with the lowest pK_a ; and
 - (d) adding water to the final weight of the composition.

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21. The composition of claim 1, wherein said one or more local anesthetics comprise 0.5 to 20% of the final weight of said composition, and said one or more surfactants comprise up to 50% of the final weight of said composition.

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22. The composition of claim ¹⁶ 21 wherein the pH of said composition is greater than or equal to $pK_a - 1$, wherein pK_a is that of the local anesthetic with the lowest pK_a . --

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